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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION PROGRAM

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1. THE LATIN AMERICAN INTER- AGENCY NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE MET ON MARCH 14 TO REVIEW THE NARCOTICS SITUATION IN GUYANA, AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL AND PREVIOUS MISSION MESSAGES. THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF GUYANA BEING USED AS A PRODUCTION AREA OR TRANSIT POINT FOR HARD NARCOTICS NOR HAVE AUTHORITIES EVER SEIZED HARD DRUGS. THE COMMITTEE DECIDED UNANIMOUSLY THAT GUYANA SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST OF THOSE COUNTRIES PRESENTING SERIOUS NARCOTICS SMUGGLING PROBLEMS FOR THE US AND TO WHICH US ASSISTANCE IS DIRECTED. THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THOSE TRAINING AND COMMODITY ACTIVITIES TO WHICH THE MISSION HAS ALREADY COMMITTED ITSELF SHOULD GO FORWARD BUT THAT THE MISSION SHOULD MAKE NO OTHER COMMITMENTS IN THE NARCOTICS CONTROL FIELD FOR FY 74 AND BEYOND.

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2. A FIGURE OF \$2,000 HAS BEEN INSERTED IN THE FY 74 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF BNDD NARCOTICS TEST KITS AND TRAINING MATERIALS FOR THE GUYANA POLICE, AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL (SECTION G.8). COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED THAT NOMINATION OF ONE GOG OFFICER TO ATTEND 10- WEEK POLICE TRAINING COURSE SHOULD BE APPROVED UPON RECEIPT FROM GOG OF APPLICATION AS DESCRIBED SECTION D. II

REFTEL. DEPARTMENT UNAWARE OF OTHER FIRM COMMITMENTS FOR TRAINING GOG PERSONNEL AND WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION CONFIRMATION THIS THE CASE.

3. DROPPING OF GUYANA FROM LIST OF SPECIAL PROBLEM COUNTRIES DOES NOT, OF COURSE, MEAN THAT MISSION OR USG WILL CEASE COOPERATION WITH GOG IN OUR MUTUAL OBJECTIVE OF REDUCING OR ELIMINATING NARCOTICS ABUSE PROBLEMS WHEN- EVER POSSIBLE. SHOULD IT BECOME CLEAR THAT THE INTER- NATIONAL SMUGGLING NETWORKS HAVE BEGUN TO USE GUYANA FOR THE PRODUCTION OR STORAGE OF HARD DRUGS OR AS A TRANSIT POINT FOR DRUGS DESTINED FOR THE US, THE LA INT- ER- AGENCY NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE WILL IMMEDIATELY REVIEW THE GUYANESE SITUATION. ROGERS UNQTE
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